

# Woodson County Newsletter

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**Maintenance of CRP Cover**

**CRP participants:** cover maintenance is your responsibility and must be done according to your conservation plan. All CRP maintenance activity, such as mowing, burning and spraying, must be conducted in accordance with the conservation plan.

**Loans and LDP's**

Last year, the Farm Service Agency announced the launch of the CCC-633 EZ to replace the old CCC-709 and CCC-633-LDP forms. Since then, it has undergone a few modifications to make it even more user-friendly.

The EZ form is a two-part loan deficiency request that allows producers to (1) indicate their intentions to receive LDP benefits before losing beneficial interest in the eligible commodity, and (2) submit a request for an LDP payment at any time during the loan/LDP availability period, which may be done before or after losing beneficial interest.

By signing the first page of the EZ form, the producer indicates their intentions to receive LDP benefits. This one page covers all counties and all eligible harvested commodities for the entire crop year for the producer. Once the first page of the form has been signed and submitted, the producer can submit an LDP request for payment by completing page 2 for all harvested commodities. The LDP request can be submitted at any time during the loan availability period, before or after losing beneficial interest.

Page 1 of the EZ form must be signed by the producer before beneficial interest in the commodity is lost. Once beneficial interest is lost, the commodity is ineligible for an LDP even if beneficial interest is regained. Many producers signed the CCC-633 EZ Page 1 during DCP signup or acreage certification. Please ensure this has been completed prior to the onset of fall harvest.

**The last day to file loans and LDP's on Wool & Mohair is January 31; Unshorn Pelts-January 31; Small grains-March 31; Feed grains-May 31 and Soybeans/Minor Oilseeds-May 31.**

**2006 Loan Rates**

Corn	2.03/bu.
Grain Sorghum	3.48/cwt.
Soybeans	5.14/bu.
Sunflowers	8.86/cwt

**Farm record changes**

If you have bought, sold, or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the FSA office as soon as possible after the change occurs. For farm ownership changes, you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating.

**Dates to Remember**

Sept. 4	Closed for Labor Day
Sept. 30	Final date for 2006 DCP contract revisions.
Oct. 1	Signup starts for 2007 DCP.
Oct. 9	Closed for Columbus Day
On-Going	Direct and Guaranteed Operating and Farm Ownership Loans, Rural Youth Loans; Beginning Farmer and Socially Disadvantaged (SDA) Farm Loans; Farm Storage Facility Loans and Continuous CRP

**It's not too late....**

You may still sign-up for the 2006 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program, but having missed the June 1 deadline it will cost you a late-filing fee of \$100 per farm. You have until September 30, 2006 to sign-up for the 2006 DCP.

Continuous CRP

The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a private lands environmental improvement program that allows producers the opportunity to enroll acreages in conservation practices that will reduce soil erosion, improve water and soil quality and provide wildlife habitat and food sources.

The continuous CRP program is a voluntary enrollment program. Landowners enter into contracts that range from 10 to 15 years in length. In return, the producer may receive annual rental, and maintenance payments, incentive payments for certain activities, and cost share for establishment.

To be eligible for enrollment, producers and acreage must meet certain requirements. Provided the requirements are met, FSA will automatically accept enrollment of acreage at any time during the year.

Special Accommodations

Special Accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the Woodson County FSA office and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are needed.

COC Election

The COC election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in LAA 2 November 3, 2006 and the final date to return ballots will be December 4, 2006. If you do not receive your ballot contact the Woodson County FSA office.

Premises ID

Producers without a Premises ID are able to contact the Woodson County FSA office staff for assistance in obtaining an ID or update their premises information following a change in address, type of premises, and name of contact person or telephone number. This is required to ensure an accurate database. Premises ID is part of the voluntary National Animal Identification System. NAIS is designed to rapidly identify all animals and premises that have had direct contact with a disease. Details on NAIS are available at <http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/index.shtml>.

Foreign Investors

Foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land are required by law to report their land holdings, acquisitions, leases of 10 years or more, and land use changes within 90 days to the local FSA offices. Failure to report these changes can result in a civil penalty of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of their agricultural land.

Signing for Entities

In today’s world of “entities” — trusts, limited liability companies, cooperatives, partnerships and corporations — signing Farm Service Agency and Commodity Credit Corporation forms isn’t so simple.

First, you have to have a document on file at the county office saying you’re authorized to sign for the entity. It could be a copy of the articles of partnership or articles of corporation or a valid power of attorney.

Second, you have to know how you’re supposed to sign. In almost all instances, when you’re signing for an entity, your signature has to include “by” or “for,” indicating you’re signing in a representative capacity.

For example, you have a partnership, the John R. Smith & Sons Partnership, and you’re authorized to sign for the partnership. Acceptable signatures include “by George C. Smith”; “by George C. Smith, Partner”; and “John R. Smith & Sons Partnership, by George C. Smith, Partner.”

Remember, if you’ve established an entity for your operation, you can no longer sign forms and contracts as yourself. When you have signing authority for an entity, you have to sign forms on behalf of the entity, not yourself.

If you have questions about the proper way to sign forms and contracts for your entity, contact the county office staff. We can review the records and help determine the acceptable signature for your situation.

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